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396 TO 101.

By a majority of 396 to 101 the Presbyterian National assembly at Saratoga, decided against Dr. H. P. Smith, a professor in Lane's theological seminary, and then adopted the following recommendations regarding the training of its ministers which we think are no less applicable to ourselves than the Presbyterians.

The committee on theological seminaries made a report this evening, in which they recommended the disapproval of Professor Henry Hulbert, a new professor of Lane Seminary, and a reorganization of the seminary. This action was taken, and the following recommendations regarding the seminaries of the church in general were also adopted:

1. We would earnestly and affectionately remind our honored brethren who are charged with the work of instruction and oversight in these sacred halls that it is of the utmost importance that constant efforts be made to deepen the Christian experience and cultivate the spiritual life of the students, for after all it is not so much learning, not even sacred learning, as it is the profound experience of the things of the spirit that is the source of power and the secret of usefulness in a minister of Christ.

2. We strongly advise that all the students be assiduously trained in the ready and skillful use of the English Bible; that they be made familiar with its very language, so as to be facile, accurate, and intelligent in quotation; that they be trained in the exegetical and expository habit; in a word, that they be thoroughly drilled in the prompt and effectual handling of the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God.

3. Constant and earnest endeavor should be used to foster and cultivate an intensely evangelistic and missionary spirit among the students, that these young men may deeply feel that the ministry is not a trade by which a man may earn a living, nor a profession by

which he may gain renown, but a great, high calling of Jesus Christ for seeking and saving the lost.

Finally it may not be amiss to give a word of caution against everything that may have the effect or even the appearance of coaxing men into the ministry or into this or that seminary by any sort of special inducement based on the promise of the maximum of luxurious accommodations gratuitously provided and the minimum of self-help and self-denial. We rejoice in the splendid endowments and equipments of our theological seminaries; we hold in perpetual honor the names of those, whether of the living or the dead, by whose munificence these magnificent foundations have been laid. At the same time we would affectionately caution our brethren, upon whom rests the responsibility of governing and giving instruction in these great institutions, against the pearl of a dependent, effeminate and self-indulgent spirit in the rising ministry of the church unfitting them for severe hardships and privations: and we urge our brethren in charge of these seminaries to use their office and influence with constant and strenuous endeavor to teach and train the young men under their care to a profound appreciation of the solemn and self-denying character of the great work for which they are preparing; that they are to dismiss all thought of seeking their own ease and honor and that preferment and profit which come from man; that they are to hold themselves ready to go cheerfully wherever duty calls; in a word, that they must be ready and willing to endure hardships as good soldiers of Jesus Christ.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The dedication at Bryan, O. has been postponed indefinitely.

A brother in Pittsburg renews his subscription and adds \$2.15 for the Publishing House debt, but requests his name withheld.

Prof. J. H. Hall has returned to his old home in Harrisonburg, Va., after a very pleasant season at Kee Mar College, Hagerstown, Md.

A union temperance meeting will be held at the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening. Rev. S. H. Bashor and Rev. Pitner will probably be the principal speakers of the evening.—*Waterloo Courier*.

The attendance at Rev. Bashor's Music Hall services Sunday evening was very large, and the able paper on the A. P. A. and the Catholics was well received. These Sunday evening services at Parsons' Music Hall are becoming very popular.—*The Index*.

If the rich shivered when they were cold, the poor would not be cold so often.

A large number of our contributors continue to denominate our German Baptist Brethren by the name "German Baptist," which to many of them is *very offensive*. While we do not think our writers mean to cast any reflections by misnaming our Conservative brethren it has a bad effect. When we had the same compositors work on the paper all the time we instructed them to use the proper and legal name regardless of what the writer gave, but here there are so many new compositors that "copy must be followed," and it is often so closely written that necessary alterations cannot be made without rewriting, and hence this matter is overlooked too often.

We have had very little to say in the past of the political complexion of our country, and of the "breakers" toward which our ship of state seems to be steered; but that nationally we are going from bad to worse and that at a speed made possible only by the intelligence of the nation and its means of disseminating it, toward rocks which will be sure to rend our present system of government is unquestionable. The following clipped from the Inter Ocean of the 26th is significant:

KANSAS POPULIST WANTS AN ARMED FORCE TO RESIST THE LAW.

TOPEKA, KAN., May 25.—At a meeting of the Home Guard in the Populist League rooms here C. C. Clemens said; "I do not hesitate to say that one of the objects I had in view when I advocated the raising of the Home Guards was to have a force available so that in case the troops or the National Guard are ordered out to stop commonwealers anywhere west of the Mississippi River we can stop the troops or the National Guard."

Ex-Adjutant General Artz spoke of the possibility of a collision between the citizens and the commonwealers of Leavenworth, and he thought the Governor should call out the militia. "If the Governor neglects to do this I believe the bravest sons of Kansas have manhood in them to rise in their might and say to that little patch up there that laboring men will go through your city when they please, and if you try to stop them we will wipe your city out of existence."

Clemens then introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved. That Captain Hunter be and is hereby instructed to tender the Governor the services of the Home Guards to maintain law and order at Leavenworth, as against ex-Chief Justice Carzier, the mayor, the sheriff, the United States marshal, and other riotously disposed person.